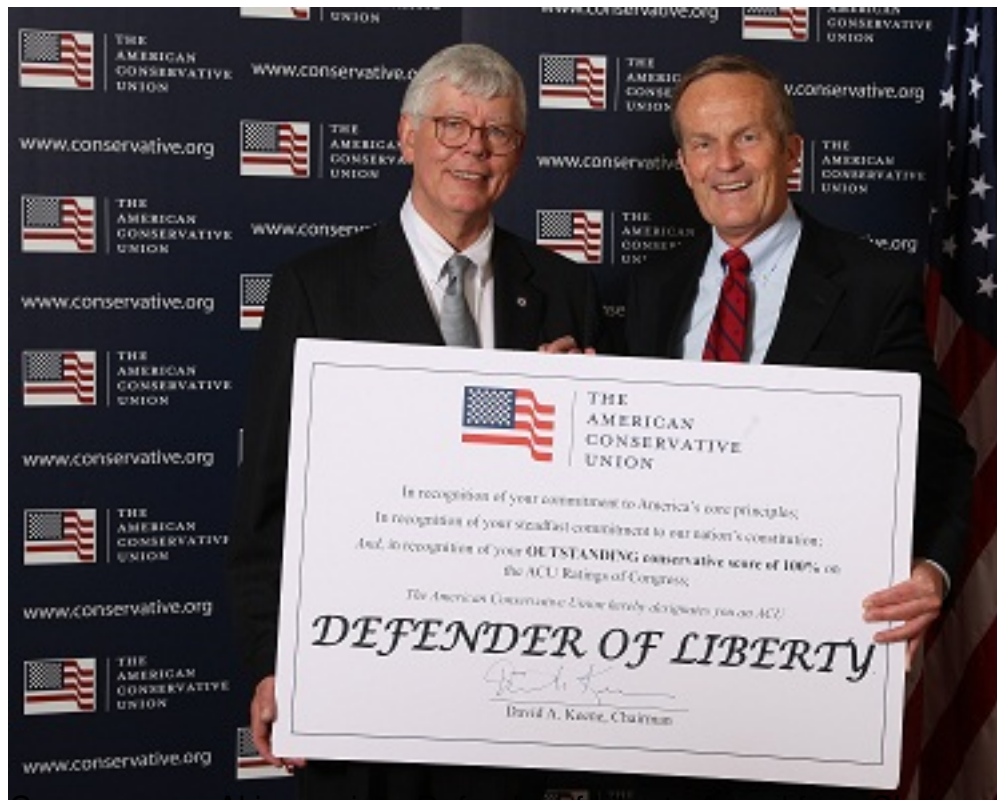


WASHINGTON- Congressman Todd Akin (R-MO) was again recognized as a conservative leader in Congress when the American Conservative Union (ACU) announced its Defender of Liberty Awards today. The ACU which is recognized by many as the nation's largest grassroots conservative organization awarded Congressman Todd Akin a 100% rating for his support of conservative principles during the first session of the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress.

“This Defender of Liberty award is a reflection of Representative Todd Akin’s outstanding record in support of conservative principles on a wide range of issues of concern to grass roots conservatives in 2009 and someone to whom conservatives can turn to for leadership,” said David A. Keene, Chairman of the ACU. “At a challenging time when the fundamental principles on which the American system of government are being challenged, Representative Todd Akin stands with those who are trying to preserve those principles.”



Congressman Akin receives Defender of Liberty Award from Chairman Keene.